

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3033 - HB 2949

February 14, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes section providing that no telegraph or telephone company or other such company shall be permitted to attach its lines to the poles of any other such company without their consent. Provides that municipal electric systems and rural electric cooperatives shall charge pole attachment rates to cable television providers that recover no less than a full allocation of the costs attributable to such pole attachments. Establishes method by which these rates should be determined based on the average annual capital and operating costs per pole and the cable provider's proportional allocation of total space on the average pole. Specifies that the provisions do not apply to any non-profit or cooperatively owned cable television provider that was providing service on January 1, 2000. States that it is the intention of the General Assembly to protect customers of municipal electric systems and rural electric cooperatives from subsidizing the rates of cable television providers through pole attachment rates that recover less than the full allocation of costs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$250,000

Assumes:

- current local government revenues from pole attachment fees charged to cable television providers exceed \$5,000,000 annually.
- the method prescribed in this act for determining pole attachment fees charged to cable television providers by municipal electric systems would result in at least a 5% increase in the amount of revenue such municipal systems would receive from pole attachment fees. Such increase is estimated to exceed \$250,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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